

## **Department of Transportation**

### **State Project No. 153-118 Federal Aid Project Number 0073(107) Improvements on CT Route 73 between Candee Hill Road and Rockdale Avenue No. 2 Town of Watertown**

**Public Informational Meeting Held at  
Senior Center, 311 Falls Avenue, Oakville  
Thursday, March 18, 2010**

#### **Minutes**

##### **Presentation:**

- There were a total of 10 attendees, including 3 Town officials.
- A colored plan of the proposed improvements and an accident diagram were displayed. The Department presented the Preliminary Design proposal as well as the Rights of Way process to the attendees.
- The project involves improvements on Route 73 between Candee Hill Road and Rockdale Avenue No. 2 to improve sightlines and address the number and type of accidents occurring on this section of roadway. The following improvements are proposed:
  - ⇒ Soften the curve in the vicinity of Steele Brook Commons and provide appropriate superelevation rates within the project limits.
  - ⇒ Remove the existing railroad abutment on the south side of Route 73 and configure the embankment slope.
  - ⇒ Delineate the driveway access to Steele Brook Commons.
  - ⇒ Improve the turning radius at Rockdale Avenue No. 2.
  - ⇒ Re-stripe pavement markings and provide bypass capability on westbound Route 73 at Candee Hill Road.
  - ⇒ Replace the existing bituminous sidewalk on the north side of Route 73 with a 5' wide concrete sidewalk.

##### **Public Comments and Questions:**

- Install a curve warning sign with flashing lights to warn the motorists of the roadway curvature in the vicinity of Steele Brook Commons. The Department responded that the traffic signs in this area will be reviewed by the Department's Traffic Engineering Unit.
- Improve the turning radius on Rockdale Avenue No. 2 to accommodate tractor-trailers. The Department responded that this issue will be further investigated.
- Construct a handicap access ramp in front of Steele Brook Commons if a bus stop is installed. The Department responded that this issue could be coordinated with the Town.
- Improve the right turning radius from Route 73 to Candee Hill Road. The Department and the Town responded that this is not feasible due to the grade differential between the two roadways.

**Adjournment:** In general, the project was well received by those in attendance. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.